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THE HOLLY AND THE IVY

A FEW DAYS BEFORE CHRISTMAS AND CLARA IS ON A MISSION...

COME ON, DOCTOR — BEFORE THE SHOPS CLOSE!

I NEED PRESENTS FOR MY DAD!



JUST THEN...

WHAT'S THAT TERRIBLE NOISE?

THE DOCTOR DOESN'T LIKE IT EITHER!

IT'S THOSE SINGERS! OW, MY EARS!

WE'D BETTER INVESTIGATE.


WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS, WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS...



THE DOCTOR AND CLARA APPROACH THE SINGERS, BUT...

HULLO THERE! DO YOU DO REQUESTS? I, UH...

AND I LIKE YOUR CHRISTMASSY COSTUMES... OH!

A comic book panel set during Christmas. In the background, a large red letter 'E' is visible. Three alien characters, whose heads are shaped like holly leaves and decorated with red berries, are singing into long, striped, cone-shaped instruments. In the foreground, a man in a dark suit, white shirt, and dark bow tie wears a red Santa hat with a white pom-pom. He has a surprised expression and is gesturing with his hands. To his left, a woman with long dark hair and a brown coat looks on with a shocked expression. A small red book with a holly design is hanging on the wall to the right. The scene is decorated with falling white snowflakes.

THEY'RE NOT
COSTUMES!
THOSE
SINGERS ARE
ALIENS!

JUST DON'T LET
THEM KNOW
THAT YOU
KNOW, OR -

GET
THEM!



THERE ARE TOO MANY PEOPLE!
WE'LL NEVER GET THROUGH!

THEY DON'T REALISE
THESE CREATURES
ARE ALIENS!

I THINK YOU DID THIS ON PURPOSE,
SO YOU WOULDN'T HAVE TO GO SHOPPING.

DON'T BLAME ME - JUST RUN!



QUICK, INTO THIS SHOP! WE'LL AVOID
THE CROWDS!

BUT DOCTOR, THAT WON'T WORK...
BECAUSE THE SHOPS ARE EVEN
MORE CROWDED!



THE DOCTOR
AND CLARA ARE
CAPTURED!

HELP!
HELP!

HEY, YOU
KIDS -
BEHAVE!

THE HOLLY AND IVY CREATURES LEAD THE DOCTOR AND CLARA OUTSIDE.

THE SHOPPERS WON'T HELP - THEY THINK WE'RE PART OF SOME SILLY PRANK!

BUT YOU TWO REALISED WHAT WE REALLY ARE, SO...

... PLEASE ACCEPT THESE PRESENTS!

ONE OF THE CREATURES EXPLAINS.

MY PEOPLE, THE HEDERA, TRY TO STUDY EARTH CUSTOMS, BUT **CHRISTMAS** IS THE ONLY TIME PEOPLE HERE DON'T PANIC AT THE SIGHT OF US.

HA HA! TRAINS ARE COOL!

THAT'S BECAUSE THEY THINK YOU'RE WEARING CHRISTMASSY COSTUMES.

HA HA! YOU MUST TELL MY SISTERS THAT, OVER CHRISTMAS DINNER.

THE DOCTOR AND CLARA JOIN THE HEDERA'S CHRISTMAS FEAST.

DAD WILL LOVE THESE PRESENTS, BUT YOU CAN KEEP THE TRAIN.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS, EVERYONE!

MORE ADVENTURES
NEXT TIME!